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**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, December 5, 1961, in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Bramhall were: **COUNCILMEN:** Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Drale, Vico, and Mayor Isen. **ABSENT:** **COUNCILMEN:** Bradford. City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mrs. Bernice Goodwin led the salute to our Flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Reverend Hans Holborn of Riviera Community Methodist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 28th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale. Councilman Blount asked that the minutes of that meeting show specifically that his absence was due to illness. With that correction, the minutes were approved as written, there being no further corrections, deletions or objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Benstead moved that all bills regularly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Beasley moved that after the clerk has given a number and read the title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived; reserving and guaranteeing to each councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

HEARINGS:

8. CASE NO. 742. VARIANCE - Bert E. Moore, Jr., 8301 South Western Avenue. Formal hearing on petition for variance to construct 45 unit apartment house C-3 zone, recommended for approval. Submitted were: transmittal letter recommending approval, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of November 1, 1961, and plot plan for Council use.

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Affidavit of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Bramhall and, there being no objection, ordered filed on motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Beasley.

City Manager Peebles announced there is an additional piece of material, copies of which were distributed to the Councilmen, regarding a sewage problem in this case. City Engineer Nollac explained the proposal set out in the communication and Mayor Isen asked the matter be held a week for study; that he would not vote on it this evening.

Councilman Drale reminded the Council this matter had come up previously in connection with a variance granted to R. A. Watt providing he would take care of the problem on the Moore property. Mr. Moore protested the matter has been pending about three years but Mayor Isen asked him to consult with City Engineer Nollac and assured him he would receive better consideration if the Council were given time to study the request for variance. All papers were ordered held and returned on next week's agenda, December 12, an eight o'clock meeting. Councilman Drale so moved and the motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and there was no objection from the Council.

9. Case No. 744 - Variance - Ronald A. Young, President, Vagabond Motor Hotels, Inc. 3555 - Fifth Avenue, San Diego, California. Formal hearing on petition for a variance to construct a motor hotel containing 40 units on Pacific Coast Highway between Camino de las Colinas and Palos Verdes Boulevard, R-3 zone, recommended for approval. Submitted were transmittal letter recommending approval, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of November 1, 1961, and plot plan for Council use.

Affidavit of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Bramhall and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on Case No. 744. Mr. Jack Mayes asked to be permitted to speak and Mr. Ronald A. Young came forward. Mayor Isen explained that Mr. Mayes feels there is an ambiguity in the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding firm agreement for the construction of an eight foot concrete block wall on the east and the planting of 12 cypress trees. He asked if the proponent would be willing to do so in the event the variance is granted and Mr. Young said he would; also that he has power to bind the corporation, being its President. Mayor Isen thereupon announced this to be a condition of the variance if approved.

On motion of Councilman Benstead, seconded by Councilman Drale, the hearing was closed, there being no objection.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the variance in Case No. 744. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Mr. Young exhibited an artist's rendering of the proposed motor hotel and assured Councilman Benstead it would like, or better than therein delineated.

10. Case No. 745 - Variance - James F. Wood, 1423 Marcelina Avenue, Torrance. Formal hearing on petition for a variance to construct office building, providing 30 parking spaces in lieu of 43 required. C-2 zone, recommended for approval. Submitted were transmittal letter, location sketch and ordinance.

Affidavit of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Bramhall and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard regarding Case No. 745; there was no response.

Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the variance asked in Case No. 745. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

PLANNING MATTERS:

11. Case No. 707 - Ocean View Development Corp. - Change of Zone A-1 to R-1.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1282

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 707 (Ocean View Development Company, A-1 to R-1, East of Crenshaw, West of Pennsylvania, North of 230th Street)

Councilman Benstead moved to approve Ordinance No. 1282 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

12. **WAIVERS:**

W-245, Harold and Joyce Christensen, 2000 West 180th Place. Waiver of 5' rear yard required to construct a room between the house and garage. The garage is located 5' from the rear property line. There remains 1,274 square feet of usable rear yard. Recommended for approval; no correspondence received.

W-247, John A. Oakes, et al, 18527 Burin. Waiver of 15' rear yard requirement to construct garage apartment within 5' of rear property line. Recommended for approval with the condition that 5' sill height windows be installed at rear property line. This lot is R-2, the lot behind is R-2 and across the street C-2. No correspondence received.

W-248. Matthew P. Petritis, 653 Avenue C. Redondo Beach. Waiver of 11' requirement from front property line and 9' from rear property line, Lot 1, Block I, Tract 10304, 989 via Colusa. Recommended for approval; no correspondence received.

W-249, Carroll Bonto et al, 985 Calle Miramar. Waiver of side yard requirement of 4'5" (plus or minus) on property described as Lot 2 and a portion of Lot 1, Block I, Tract 10304. Recommended for approval; no correspondence received.

W-250, Lutheran Church of Resurrection, 330 Palos Verdes Boulevard. Waiver of building height limit to construct a new sanctuary 57' in height R-3 zone (Maximum building height limit 35'). Recommended for approval; no correspondence received.

W-251, Chacksfield Manor Inc., 1277 W. Redondo Blvd., Gardena. Waiver side yard requirement of 5', Lot 17, Tract 26676, to save existing trees. Recommended for approval; no correspondence received.

In answer to a question from Councilman Benstead regarding W-248 and W-249, Mr. David Cleveland explained the purpose was to dispose of litigation in compliance with the Court's instructions. Attorney Kenneth Garcelon of 1404 Cravens Avenue, Torrance, spoke along the same lines.

With respect to W-250, it was agreed this waiver should be considered separately and Councilman Drale moved all waivers listed above, excepting No. W-250, be approved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Drale, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

W-250 was then considered: Mr. Joe Weiss of 321 Camino de las Colinas did not think the recommendation of the Planning Commission was clear and asked for clarification. Mayor Isen agreed that the recommendation was completely unclear and asked David Cleveland to make a statement for the record of the recommendation as made by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Cleveland stated the Planning Commission approved the building of a new sanctuary with a condition that any other structures on the property (other than the sanctuary) not exceed the present height. He stated the sanctuary was to be 57 feet at the front property line and that any other structures on the property other than the new sanctuary or any structures that may be built or that are on the property now not exceed the present height.

Councilman Beasley questioned the restriction on future buildings as being immaterial, if a 57 foot structure has already cut off any view and Councilman Benstead moved to refer W-250 back to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Mr. Weiss asked the privilege of setting forth his views and Mayor Isen granted him permission. He has resided at 321 Camino de las Colinas for fifteen years and outlined the history of the church's development there. His objection is that the structure which will be 57 feet high and block off the view is a sexton's quarters and the church did not reveal its plans to the residents of the area. He said about eight families are affected.

Mrs. John Shidler of 317 Camino de las Colinas spoke briefly to the same effect, stating she does not believe it fair for the Church to shut off the view to the extent they plan and hoped the Council would agree with her.

Mr. James Findley of 325 Camino de las Colinas asked that the recommendation be so reworded that the height of the sexton's quarters cannot be raised any higher than the present buildings. He agreed to the 57 foot height for the steeple, but nothing else.

There was no objection from the Council to the matter being sent back to the Planning Commission. Mr. Cleveland stated waivers are considered in informal hearing and there is no prescribed notice to be given on them. Mayor Isen asked that the record show instruction to Mr. Cleveland to write a letter to Mr. Weiss and to Mrs. Shidler telling them the date this matter will again be before the Planning Commission and they can then notify other interested parties.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:

13. Mr. Peter V. Miller, Mayor of El Monte, regarding Civil Defense program, with their letter to President Kennedy and copy of resolution attached.

The Council expressed the belief that President Kennedy is no doubt quite aware of the Civil Defense problem and his responsibility thereon. On motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Mayor Isen, the communication was ordered filed and there was no objection.

14. Tordondo Little League, dated November 24, requesting additional acreage for third baseball diamond in Tordondo Park.

Councilman Drale asked if the word "Tordondo" indicates that people from Redondo Beach use the baseball diamond and was told it is a joint venture. Councilman Blount moved to refer the problem to the Recreation Commission and his motion was seconded by Councilman Drale. There was no objection and it was so ordered.

15. Zelda Mae Kulpaca, dated November 20, regarding Humane Society petition.

City Manager Peebles said there is to be a meeting on this subject tomorrow (Wednesday) morning and Mayor Isen said Mrs. Kulpaca's letter would be considered there.

16. Petition dated November 8 protesting condition of drainage ditch in Southwest Park, with recommendation to Council of City Manager Peebles.

City Manager Peebles said he had talked with Mrs. Bisou and she seemed willing to wait and see how the recommended solution, which is to regrade the channel from Talisman Street toward Anza Avenue, solves the problem. It is only a half days work, Mr. Peebles said. Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager and the motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Vico and Bradford absent).

17. Torrance Flower Shop, dated November 20, requesting a loading zone with comment of Traffic and Lighting Engineer Whitmer and recommendation of City Manager Peebles attached.

Councilman Blount approved a loading zone at this location on account of the peculiar shape and location of the building and so moved. Mayor Isen seconded the motion, but Councilman Drale said it would be in contravention of the policy heretofore established. He asked that the record show that everyone who asks for green zones in the future will be permitted to have one. Mayor Isen described

the economic changes which have taken place in the downtown shopping district and the difficulty some of the merchants are having. He considers it a responsibility of the Council to re-examine the policy and modify it to take care of present conditions. He requested the Traffic Commission to examine the whole situation in light of what has been said this evening, make a report and then the Council will go into the matter in detail. Mr. Drale maintained the policy, if broken for this request, should also be broken for anyone who comes in and asks for a green zone. Mayor Isen mentioned the advisability of one or two green zones, but Councilman Beasley said there is no way to so limit them. It developed the conversation and the motion pertained to "loading zones" rather than green zones.

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Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to Councilman ~~Drale's~~ motion (Councilman Bradford absent).

Councilman Blount asked how many parking spaces have been removed from the downtown area and for what reasons. Mayor Isen asked that information be included in the report above asked.

Mayor Isen commended Traffic Engineer Whitmer for the excellent solution and five-points corner, but also presented a brickbat along with the bouquet by criticizing the "213th Street deal".

Councilman Blount again brought up the condition at Carson and Arlington. He said he had never seen a time when, according to the little lighted sign, a person was entitled to walk across the street there. Traffic Engineer Whitmer said he would check again to see what is wrong and Councilman Blount plans to accompany him.

Mayor Isen said the signalization on Torrance Boulevard is now excellent and Councilman Beasley said he was glad to see that all the lights which were out of operation last week, are now burning brightly and the downtown section looks much better.

18. Mr. Robert Vroman, dated November 29, advising of the resignation of J. J. Weigel from the Traffic Safety Council.

The appointment of Mr. Weigel was made by Councilman Vico and he will make the replacement. City Manager Peebles was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Weigel.

19. Councilman J. A. Beasley, dated November 30, proposing a temporary study committee be formed to study public transportation.

Councilman Benstead moved the communication be filed but Councilman Beasley said the subjects merits more than filing. He stated he believes the two ladies, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Tillum, are sincere in their wish to improve bus service and, with financial information which could be furnished by the Finance Department, he thought some new approach might be discovered. He stated his communication was not from the committee of the Council, but his own individual expression. The Chamber of Commerce does not have a transportation committee although Mayor Isen said he thought there should be one as a part of the Chamber's service, but saw no reason to appoint another temporary one.

Councilman Drale moved a substitute to refer the matter to the Bus Committee of the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, there being no objection.

At 6:25 the Council recessed and reconvened at 6:40 P.M.

Following recess, Mayor Isen said many people in the audience were present because of the addition of a request from Torrance Sand and Gravel Company for an extension of their hauling project on Madison and Newton Streets, and asked that the matter be considered at this time.

Mayor Isen asked Mr. C. W. Shepard just what he wanted of the Council and Mr. Shepard replied he wants time necessary to finish the job. Delays have occurred due to rain and other circumstances. The ordinance removing truck traffic from Madison and Newton Streets went into effect December 1st. If they worked straight through, he said the job could probably be completed in 35 working days.

Mr. Donald E. Whann, 3545 Senefeld Drive, and the attorney for Pacific Hills Home Owners, Inc., Mr. Arthur Worth, spoke in protest against allowing any more time. Mr. Worth thought it advisable for Mr. Shepard to come out through Crenshaw, in that their operation is now only 1200 feet therefrom. He disapproved of adopting the ordinance removing Madison and Newton Streets from the truck route and then immediately permitting their use by a company which crowds the street so full that another truck could not travel on it. Mr. Shepard said it is not possible to get out through Crenshaw.

Councilman Beasley brought out the fact that it is necessary to use the dirt from Torrance Sand and Gravel to mix with that from WALTERIA Lake so that it will be suitable for freeway fill use. Mayor Isen thought there was no alternative to permitting further time in the interest of public necessity in connection with completing the San Diego freeway. Delay has been caused by the Council, by rain and the job was stopped for ten days in November because of a bridge falling in. Mr. Whann mentioned the damage to his home and to the street caused by the trucks. Mayor Isen instructed the City Manager to see that the hole in the street is fixed immediately.

Councilman Drale asked Mr. Shepard about the Little League fields and was told they will go in as soon as the job is finished.

Mr. Reg. Hague of 3717 (?) Street said he is awakened during the very early morning hours by the trucks and was told by the Police Department "that is progress". He protested from the homeowner and taxpayers' standpoint and stated there had been no attempt to build an access road by Mr. Shepard's company.

Councilman Drale moved in deference to the emergency that exists that Mr. Shepard, or Torrance Sand & Gravel Company's time be extended for thirty working days as of today, to complete their project, Monday through Friday excluding days when it rains. If the job is not completed within that time, some other arrangement will have to be made by Mr. Shepard. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Vico,
Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DIVISION:

20. Tentative Tract Map No. 26576. Recommendation of City Engineer Nollac, approved by City Manager Peebles, for approval.

In answer to Mayor Isen's question, David Cleveland said there is now a full width street provided. However, Mayor Isen noted the lack of supporting data from the Engineering Division. This

matter goes back to October 31st and the policy on resubmittals is to resubmit all the supporting material and documents. Because this was not done, Councilman Benstead moved to hold the matter for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

21. Tentative Tract Map No. 25602 - Salmac Corporation, Subdivider. Request for extension of time with recommendation of City Engineer Nollac, approved by City Manager Peebles, that the request from Barclay-Pearson Co., Inc. for additional extension be granted.

The reason given for extension is the still unsolved problem of financing the regrading of Madrona Avenue for proper drainage of this tract.

Councilman Drale moved to permit the six month extension asked. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Beasley, Blount, Drale, Vico, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

22. Fencing on Dominguez Channel Bridges. Communication from City Engineer Nollac dated November 30, 1961, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, recommending adoption of attached resolution requesting appropriation from County Gas Tax Funds for fencing bridges over Dominguez Channel.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 61-213

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATIONS OF "AID TO CITIES" GASOLINE TAX FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-213. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent). Mayor Isen stated the cost will be billed to the County as it should be chargeable to the Flood Control District.

23. Notice of Completion - Airport Service Road from Crenshaw Boulevard to Airport Taxiway No. 6. Letter from City Engineer Nollac with concurrence of City Manager Peebles dated November 29, 1961, recommending acceptance of work.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of acceptance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico. Councilman Beasley remarked that it is one of the narrowest streets; that he will vote for acceptance but is not pleased with the road.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Bradford absent).

Councilman Drale mentioned that there should be some sort of program for opening of the new airport tower. Mayor Isen said that would be referred to the Airport Commission for determining a date and tentative program, to be approved by the Council.

24. COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING DIVISION:

- A. Traffic Commission Recommendation that a two hour parking limit be established on the east side of Yukon Avenue from 170th to 171st Street. Approximate cost \$32.00, with resolution attached.
- B. Traffic Commission Recommendation that request for no parking anytime on the west side of Madrid Avenue south of Del Amo Boulevard be denied.
- C. Traffic Commission recommendation that request for a green zone on east side of Crenshaw Boulevard north of Dalemead Street be denied.

Councilman Beasley asked that Item C regarding green zone be considered separately.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendations embodied in A and B. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Drale, Vico,
Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

Mayor Isen asked that Item C be resubmitted to the Council at next week's meeting and there was no objection.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 61-214

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING ONE, TWO AND FOUR HOUR PARKING LIMITS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF THE TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLE "CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Mayor Isen moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-214. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Drale, Vico,
Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

25. Dated November 28, 1961, regarding DeArmitt Civil Service hearing. Minutes of the Civil Service Commission special meeting November 15, 1961 attached.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation contained in this communication that the disciplinary action shall not be used so as to prevent Mr. DeArmitt from being promoted in the fire service, from progressing in the Torrance Fire Department, or in any other manner to his disadvantage during his career in the Torrance Fire Department. Mayor Isen seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

26. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall assigned a number and read title to:

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RESOLUTION NO. 61-215

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN LEASE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (FAA) FOR THE OPERATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NEW AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER LOCATED ON THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 61-215. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

Councilman Blount commended City Attorney Remelmeyer for the lease which he said was very well worked out in a difficult situation.

27. Resubmission of first reading of Ordinance No. 1280.

Mayor Isen recalled this ordinance failed by a tie vote last week and was held for a full council which is not yet in attendance. If there is no objection, he said it would be held for next week; there was none.

28. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Bramhall presented for its second reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1281

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 25.253 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING FOR THE COMPUTATION OF PAYMENTS INTO THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND AND PERMITTING WAIVER OF THE FEE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1281 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

29. Suggested policy for use of City cars.

A five point recommendation was made, as follows:

1. Police Chief and Assistant Police Chief, Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, and Fire Marshal be allowed to take City car home on 24 hour basis.
2. Foremen and sub-foremen on a 24 hour call basis be allowed to take their respective pickups home providing they assume full responsibility for any tools connected therewith.
3. Emergency crews - either leadman or foreman, on Water and Sewers be allowed to take their pickups home providing they assume full responsibility for any tools connected therewith.

4. Department Heads and Assistant Department Head, so defined in job classification as Assistant, be given the choice of taking a city car home on a 24 hour basis or being paid thirteen (.13) cents per mile car allowance for the use of their own private car.

5. Mayor and City Council members, elected officials, and appointed Commission members be paid thirteen (.13) cents per mile car allowance for the use of their own private car.

Councilman Benstead disapproved the recommendation. Mayor Isen moved to approve and concur in all respects. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. Mayor Isen asked that the City Manager keep the Council informed of how the policy works out economically. The motion failed, as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Vico.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

Thereupon Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the specific proposal regarding increase of mileage to 13 cents for certain people mentioned in recommendation Item 5. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale. Councilman Benstead asked who is to be permitted to use their own cars and for what purpose; he feels any employee who is called should bring his own car to the City facility, pick up a City car and leave from there.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Vico,
Mayor Isen

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

Councilman Benstead asked that the record show specifically a qualification to his vote, "only if necessary".

Mayor Isen said this presents a serious question as to insurance coverage and asked that there be a questionnaire filed each year as to the type of public liability and property damage insurance carried. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he believes the insurance coverage would be adequate in event of an accident.

Councilman Drale asked that City Manager Peebles furnish to the Council a list of City employees who are on emergency call and Mr. Peebles said he would do so.

30. Letter dated November 24, 1961, from City Manager Peebles regarding retention of architect for Police Department expansion.

The recommendation is to employ Koebig and Koebig, Inc., to

1. Investigate adequacy of existing police facility and recommend necessary additions required to meet needs through the next 10 years.

2. Prepare and submit 10 copies of construction drawings and specifications for additions costing approximately \$40,000. These additions shall be in accordance with recommendations developed in step 1 above.

3. Provide general construction supervision consisting of periodic inspection trips to insure contractor's compliance with the drawings and specifications.

for a lump sum of \$4,000, payable \$800 upon submission of written recommendations regarding necessary additions, and \$3200 upon submission of construction drawings and specifications. This is an approved Capital Outlay expenditure.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated the motion is authorization for him to prepare an appropriate contract, subject to Council approval. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Bradford absent).

31. Miscellaneous recommendations:

A. Expenditures:

1. \$478.40 to J. J. Lawton for four 2½' Morris nozzles with extra tips for the Fire Department, a budget item.

2. \$362.70 to Albro Fire Equipment for 5 turn out coats, body guard or Hoffman; 5 turn out pants, 5 pair boots U. S. Rubber or equal; 5 pair Wild Pig gloves; and 5 MSA Helmets - new model for the Fire Department, budget items.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the expenditures listed above. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, was not acted upon by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

32. City Manager Peebles said a request had been received from the Loyal Order of Moose to hold a dance Sunday, December 31st. The City does not permit Sunday dances without approval from Council. Mayor Isen said if there is no objection, the communication would be filed; there was no objection.

33. City Manager Peebles stated the estimate of population shows 108,900 of November 1, 1961, an increase of about 7,909 over 1960 census figures which will amount to about \$63,000 additional gas tax money. The cost of the estimate was \$400. The gas tax funds will be based on the new figure as of the current fiscal year.

34. City Manager Peebles stated a certificate of appreciation has been received from South Torrance Lions Club for the annual pancake breakfast.

35. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated the Court has ruled in the City's favor in the Carson Street cut through condemnation suit, although he believes Remco will appeal. City Engineer Nollac said he has the recommendation for award of contract on the bids which have been received and opened. The bid which is for street work only is in the amount of \$19,520.65; the engineer's estimate was \$23,800.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer and City Manager on award of the contract. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and failed by a tie vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Vico.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

Mayor Isen said the matter would await a full Council.

36. Director of Finance Scharfman asked the Council for clarification of the decision on Item 29 regarding mileage on City cars. Mayor Isen said the motion was that members of the City Council may charge the sum of 13¢ per mile rather than the amount now charged for the use of their personal automobiles while on City business. Mr. Scharfman said quite a few employees are now given mileage reimbursement in small amounts. Councilman Drale said as soon as City Manager Peebles furnishes the list of those who use their cars, a decision will be made by the Council as to who is to be paid mileage and at what rate. Mayor Isen added that was as far as the motion went this evening; there will be no change for other employees until further action of the Council.

37. Bus Superintendent Chamberlain reported the new Los Angeles bus schedule will be in effect Monday - to be used Mondays through Fridays.

38. Councilman Blount requested that the Bus Committee of the Council meet with the people who presented their petition in the very near future and discuss the problems with them. Councilman Beasley said he would notify the City Manager of what is a convenient date for that meeting.

39. Councilman Blount said he believed some action had been taken in haste last meeting, referring to Case No. 736, a variance granted. This differs from permitting a change of zone, which has to be supplemented by passage of an ordinance with its two readings; whereas a variance becomes effective immediately. Councilman Blount moved that Case No. 736 be reconsidered before a full Council. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

Mr. H. Seeburg of 3610 227th Street spoke in favor of reconsideration and against the variance, as well as for reconsideration of Case No. 738. Mrs. Charles Bischoff of 3734 west 227th Street voiced the opposite viewpoint. Mr. Seeburg presented a petition with 162 signatures protesting the decisions made in the two cases which was accepted and ordered filed.

Mr. George Bloxon spoke in favor of the variance and in support of his petition therefor, stating this is in accordance with the Planning Commission's master plan.

Mr. Mersenheimer of 3610 West 226th Street believed the area should stay residential.

Thomas McGowan of 3514 227th Place spoke in a similar vein.

Roll call vote on the motion for reconsideration before a full Council was unanimously favorable (Councilman Bradford absent).

Further, Councilman Blount moved the action taken by the Council November 28th on cases No. 736 and 738 be suspended until the matters are finally considered. It was noted this would apply to buildings permits. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Bradford absent).

The assumption was stated that there will be a full Council attendance at the 8 o'clock meeting December 12th and the matters will be on the agenda for that time.

40. Mayor Isen asked if the Council wishes to hold the meeting which would normally fall on Tuesday, December 26th. Councilman Blount moved to cancel the December 26th Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilman Bradford absent).

41. Mayor Isen reported the official figures showing decrease in crime considering the increase in population and commended the Police Department of Torrance.

On motion of Councilman Drale, seconded by Councilman Blount, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance
California

APPROVED:

Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance